Chief Minister, Tamilnadu, to consider and approve the idea of having a Corporation on the lines of Konkan Railway Corporation, for construction of new lines in Tamilnadu. Response from the State Government is awaited.

Welfare Schemes for Minorities

*336. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the welfare schemes of Government for the minorities;

(b) whether the Muslim Organisations have complained of non-implemention or slow implementation of the schemes; and

(c) if so, what measures Government propose to take to properly implement those schemes?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Union Government finalised certain time bound action programmes in January '90 under 15 Point Programme for the welfare of minorities for implementation by various concerned Ministries with the active involvement of the State Governments.

A statement giving details on the status regarding action taken is laid on the table of the House. (See below).

(b) and (c) Union Government has not received any complaint from Muslim Organisations regarding non-implementation or slow implementation of these schemes. However, during our National Conference of Minority Leaders and Intellectuals organised on 11th August, 1990 suggestions were received as to how monitoring mechanism could be further improved and strengthened and also about restructuring and re-adapting the economic and educational contents of the 15 Point Programme.

Statement

Details on time bound action programme and status of action taken on 15-point programme for the welfare of minorities

Points in the 15-Point Programme	Action Points	Present Status
Point Nos. 1, 2 & 3		
Posting of District officials in communally sensitive areas.	Revised and comprehensive guidelines to be issued to State Governments.	Revised guidelines on promotion of communal harmony circulated to State Governments.
Rewarding District and police officials for good work.		
Action against persons inciting communal tension or taking part in violence.		
Point No. 4		
Setting up of Special Courts to try communal offences.	Special Courts will be set up exclusively to try communal offences in places where there have been out-breaks of large scale communal violence.	Special Courts already constituted in Delhi, Meerut and Bhagalpur. Action to set up Courts at other places has been taken.

Points in the 15-Point Programme	Action Points	Present Status
Point No. 5		
Ex-gratia relief to riot victims.	Guidelines to issue to the State Govts. on revising upwards the amount of ex-gratia grants in cases of death/ permanent incapacitation from Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 50,000/-, and on pension of Rs. 500/- pm to widows of riot victims with low income.	Revised guidelines on promotion of communal harmony issued to State Govts. including these items also.
Point No. 6		
Role of Radio/TV in maintaining communal harmony.	Special features highlighting mutual help between communities during riots, Serials on the need of communal harmony, Special programmes with different communities participation etc. to be broadcast/telecast.	Special features covering these programmes are being commissioned.
Point No. 7		
Publication of objectionable and inflammatory material—Action against editors etc.	Specific measures might be considered in this regard.	The State Govts. are advised from time to time to be vigilant on this count.
Point No. 8, 9 & 10		
Recruitment in State Police Forces. Recruitment in Central Police Organisations. Recruitment in Govt./Public Sector Banks etc.	Recruitment drives for police forces, raising of composite batallion for law & order duties, special training/orientation programmes for police personnel for maintaining communal harmony, monitoring composition of recruitment boards in Govt./ Public Sector Orgns/Banks and monitoring representation of minorities in Govt./ Banks/Public Sector Orgns. through sample surveys.	State Govts. requested on ensuring better representation of minorities in State Police Forces, raising of composite batallion, and special training programme for police forces. Central Ministries/ Deptts. requestep regarding sample surveys on representation of minorities in recruitment and in Recruitment Boards/Selection Committees/Commissions etc. in the format devised for this purpose. Instructions also issued making it mandatory to include representation of minorities, SC/ST in selection Committees/Boards.
Point No. 11-12		
Technicel Education and pre-examination training.	1. Spread of Technical Education in appropriate technologies and skills relevant to the minorities through extension centres of community polytechnics.	Additional 8 community polytechnics in minority concentration areas sanctioned during 1989-90. Additional 24 existing polytechnics will be converted to community polytechnics in minority areas during 1990-91.

Points in the 15-Point Programme	Action Points	Present Status
	2. Re-orienting/upgrading training in ITIs in minority concentration distts. by adding relevant trade for minority artisans and workers. Special training in local trades in which minorities are engaged.	Ten minority concentration distts. to be covered in 1990-91 and remaining during VIIIth Plan.
	3. Pre-examination training scheme for various recruitment/entrance examinations through appropriate voluntary organisations.	The scheme is under finalisation.
	4. Re-organising and expanding the UGC scheme of coaching in minority colleges/ Universities.	UGC Scheme is under implementation in 20 Universities and 28 colleges in 17 minority concentration distts. Proposal to start additional coaching centres in 5 more colleges and 3 Universities during 1990-91.
Point No. 13	*Handicrafts*	
Fair and adequate share of benefits from economic development programmes.	Package programme for handicraft in minority concentration distts. areas.	The Craft Dev. Centres at Agra (Marble inlay/stone work), Hyderabad (Bidrn work) and Howrah (Chika work) proposed to be started during 1990-91.
		Plant for Metal Handicraft Training Centre under erection at Moradabad, Design Dev. project for wood carving is to be started at Saharanpur. 5000 persons would be covered for training during 1990-91.
	Handlooms	
	Intensive Programme for Handloom Development in minority concentration distts. would be taken up.	Cannanore, Calicut districts and Sonitpur in Nadia covered under the project package. Murshidabad is to be covered.
	Special Programmes for rehabilitation of handloom weavers in areas affected by communal riots in Bhagalpur and Meerut.	A Special Programme has been taken up. 1000 pit looms are to be provided to riot affected weavers. 391 looms costing to 8 lakhs already distributed.
	Programme for Small Scale Industry.	Common Facility Centres/ Proto-type Dev. Centres are being set up at Aligarh and Howrah for lock and leather suit case & lock industry, respectively.

Points in the 15-Point Programme	Action Points	Present Status
		State Govts. asked to prepare action plan for sponsoring schemes for small industries.
		Special programme under TRYSEM for training artisan formulated by almost all states. Implementation commenced in Barabanki, Basti, Gulbarga and Bijapur districts.
		The Action plans for States cover Entrepreneural Development Programmes for members of minority communities, also.
	Khadi and Village Industries to be launched.	Decision taken to formulate special programmes for rural artisans in minority concentration distts. by Khadi & Village Industries Commission through State Boards. Action plan received from all States. A sum of Rs. 10 crores earmarked for 1990-91.
	IRDP/TRYSEM	State Govts. have been asked to prepare distt.-wise actiou plan for minority concentration distts. keeping in view local special occupation/ trades. Action plans aleady formulated by Haryana, Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.
	Programme for availability of credit in minority concentration districts.	RBI and commercial banks requested to identify as to where new branches required to be opened.
		By March 1990, 117 branches opened. 94 additional centres identified.
Point Nos. 14-15		
Redressal of Grievances, removal of encroachment on Wakf properties etc.	Taking steps to deal with problems relating to encroachment on Wakf properties/ graveyards etc. for redressal of grievances on an expeditious and satisfactory basis.	Instructions have been issued to State Govts. in this regard, from time to time.